

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks herein is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 15, 22, and 23 have been amended and the amendment does not add new matter.

Claims 26-30 have been added and no new matter is added.

Claims 1-30 are pending.

II. Status of the Specification

Applicants have amended the Specification to remove the claim for priority and have further reviewed and amended the Specification for minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Additionally, attached hereto as page A-1, is a revised Abstract. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

III. Status of the Drawings

Applicants have amended Figures 1 and 3 to have proper margins and have correct the text to be the minimum height. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

In contrast, the present invention:

provides a system, method and apparatus for integrated access to electronic works stored at a plurality of locations such that they are accessible from any networked location ... [where] a user has access to content from multiple sources, such as a remote content source or location and a host ... [and once] links to content stored at the remote content location or locations are integrated with content from other sources, a user may access all of the linked content from anywhere the user has access to the host.

Specification page 3, lines 4-7 and page 5, line 6-8. A user owns or has access to numerous electronic works located on different networked devices, for example, the user's personal computer, work computer, laptop, cell phone and hand held device. An aspect of the invention provides an identifier or link for each electronic work and stores the identifiers in an on-line account. A user can access the on-line account and have access to all of the user's electronic works regardless of the user's location. The user accesses the on-line account, requests a specific electronic work and the on-line account provides the user the ability the access the electronic work at the user's current location.

The Examiner cites Ginter's example on column 271, line 22 to column 274, line 30, as group access and linking multiple electronic works to a client account. However, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's comparison to the present invention. Ginter states that the entire purpose of the example is to "securely control access" (Ginter, column 271, lines 29-43). To do so, Ginter teaches in his example that "the law firm sets up a standard VDE client container" and

a "client" container contains all documents that have been provided by the client (documents received in other containers can be securely extracted and embedded into the VDE client container using VDE extraction and embedding capabilities). Each document in this example is stored as an object within the parent, client VDE container. The "client" container also has several other objects embedded within it; one for each attorney to store their client notes, one (or more) for research results and related information, and at least one for copies of letters, work papers, and briefs that have been created by the law firm. The client container may also contain other

information about the client, including electronic records of billing, time, accounting, and payments. Embedding VDE objects within a parent VDE content container provides a convenient way to securely categorize and/or store different information that shares similar control information.

Ginter, column 273, lines 22-23 and column 272, lines 22-38. Thus, in Ginter's example, all of the documents/electronic works are stored in a VDE container and the container is stored in one location. This is contrary to the present invention wherein the electronic works are not stored in one location, they may be stored in multiple locations and the on-line account allows the user to access the electronics works regardless of the location of the work.

Turning now to the claims, Ginter does not disclose certain elements of claim 1, such as “providing for a user an on-line account, at a host ... and wherein the first identifier is linked to the on-line account;” “storing, in the on-line account, the second identifier and the address for the remote content location;” and “linking the second electronic work to the on-line account”. The portions of Ginter cited by the Examiner (column 14, lines 38-65 and column 177, line 54 to column 178, line 4) specifically deal with bank accounts. An identifier for a first electronic work is not linked to a bank account. Ginter is concerned only with the “‘withdrawal’ of credit or electronic currency” and “electronic funds transfer against the user’s bank account”. Ginter, column 14, lines 59-60 and column 177, line 55-56. Thus, Ginter does not disclose or suggest storing and/or linking electronic work identifiers to a user’s on-line account. Claims 22 and 23 are system and product claims, respectively, reciting similar elements of claim 1. Further, claims 2-14 depend from claim 1 and are allowable at least based on their dependency on claim 1.

Regarding claim 15, Ginter does not disclose or suggest all the elements of the claim. Claim 15 recites “automatically assigning an identifier to the electronic work”; “transmitting the identifier and the address of the remote content location to a central location”. Ginter mentions identifiers

generically as part of the information to be included in a VDE container. *See*, Ginter, Figure 26a and column 150, lines 6-33. Ginter is silent on automatically assigning identifiers to electronic works. Further, Ginter does not specifically state that an identifier and address transmitted together from a remote content location to a central location. Most of Ginter's discussions on identifiers relate to cryptography and Permission Records. *See*, Ginter, column 66, lines 15-32 and column 150, line 26 to column 158, line 56. Thus, Ginter does not anticipate all the elements of claim 15. Claims 24 and 25 are system and product claims reciting similar elements of claim 15. Further, claims 15-21 depend from claim 15 and are allowable at least for the same reasons as claim 15.

Given the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

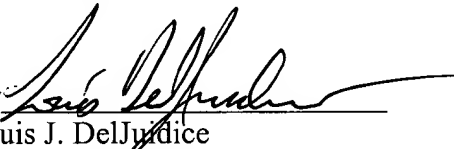
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner-s Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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